

Amendments to the Claims

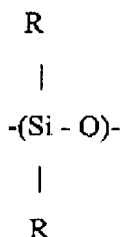
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A granulated foam control composition comprising:

(i) a foam control agent comprising:

a polydiorganosiloxane fluid comprising units of the formula



where each group R, which may be the same or different, is selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or an aryl group or aralkyl group having up to 36 carbon atoms, the mean number of carbon atoms in the groups R being at least 1.3,

a hydrophobic filler dispersed in the polydiorganosiloxane fluid; and
optionally an organosilicon resin; and

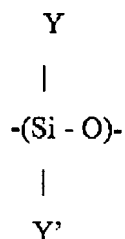
(ii) an additive composition of melting point 35 to 100°C comprising:

a non-polar polyol ester (A) which is a polyol ~~substantially fully~~ esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms, wherein for a diol or a triol at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyol are esterified, and for higher polyols at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyol are esterified; and

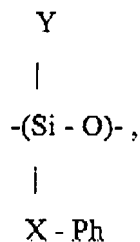
up to 50% by weight of a component (B) which is miscible with the polyol ester (A) and contains groups more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of the polyol ester (A) wherein the foam control agent (i) and the additive composition (ii) are supported on a particulate carrier with the proviso that a mixture of (i) and (ii) is deposited onto the particulate carrier in non-aqueous liquid form.

2. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the non-polar polyol ester (A) is a glycerol triester.
3. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the non-polar polyol ester (A) is a polyol ~~substantially fully~~ esterified by carboxylate groups each having 14 to 22 carbon atoms.
4. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 3, characterized in that glycerol tripalmitate forms at least 30% by weight of the non-polar polyol ester (A).
5. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the additive composition comprises a mixture of non-polar polyol esters containing carboxylate groups of different carbon chain length.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1 ~~6~~, characterized in that the said groups of Component (B) ~~more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of the polyol ester~~ are unesterified -OH groups.
8. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1 ~~6~~, characterized in that the said groups of Component (B) ~~more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of the polyol ester~~ are unesterified carboxylic acid groups.
9. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1 ~~6~~, characterized in that the said groups of Component (B) ~~more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of polyol ester~~ are amide or amino groups.

10. (Previously presented) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the polysiloxane fluid is a polysiloxane comprising at least 10% diorganosiloxane units of the formula

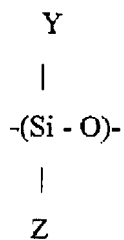


and up to 90% diorganosiloxane units of the formula

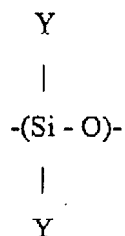


wherein X denotes a divalent aliphatic organic group bonded to silicon through a carbon atom; Ph denotes an aromatic group; Y denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and Y' denotes an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms with the proviso that the mean number of carbon atoms in the groups R is at least 1.3.

11. (Previously presented) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the polysiloxane fluid is a polysiloxane comprising 50-100% diorganosiloxane units of the formula



and optionally up to 50% diorganosiloxane units of the formula



wherein Y denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and Z denotes an alkyl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 12, characterized in that the ~~substantially non-polar material~~ polyol ester (A) comprises at least one paraffin wax, optionally blended with microcrystalline wax.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to claim 14, characterized in that the organosilicon resin is a siloxane resin consisting of monovalent trihydrocarbonsiloxy (M) groups of the formula $R''_3SiO_{1/2}$ and tetrafunctional (Q) groups $SiO_{4/2}$ wherein R'' denotes an alkyl group and the number ratio of M groups to Q groups is in the range 0.4:1 to 1.1:1.

16. (Currently amended) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~composition further contains a hydrophobic filler with~~ has an average particle size of from 0.5 to 30 μ m.

17. (Previously presented) A foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the additive composition is present at 20-200% by weight based on the polysiloxane fluid.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently amended) A granulated foam control agent according to Claim 18, characterized in that a water-soluble or water-dispersible binder is also ~~deposited~~ supported on the particulate carrier particles.

20. (Canceled).

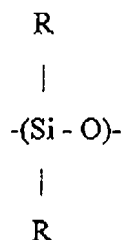
21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).

23. (New) A method of manufacturing a granulated foam control composition comprising:
mixing:

(i) a foam control agent comprising:

a polydiorganosiloxane fluid comprising units of the formula



where each group R, which may be the same or different, is selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or an aryl group or aralkyl group having up to 36 carbon atoms, the mean number of carbon atoms in the groups R being at least 1.3;

a hydrophobic filler dispersed in the polydiorganosiloxane fluid; and
optionally an organosilicon resin;

and

(ii) an additive composition of melting point 35 to 100°C comprising:

a non-polar polyol ester (A) which is a polyol esterified by carboxylate groups each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms, wherein for a diol or a triol at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyol are esterified, and for higher polyols at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the polyol are esterified; and

up to 50% by weight of a component (B) which is miscible with the polyol ester (A) and contains groups more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of the polyol ester (A);

and

depositing the mixture of (i) and (ii) on a particulate carrier with the proviso that the mixture of (i) and (ii) is in non-aqueous liquid form prior to depositing it onto the particulate carrier.

24. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the non-polar polyol ester (A) is a glycerol triester.

25. (New) A method according to Claim 23, wherein the groups of Component (B) are amide or amino groups.

26 (New) A method according to Claim 24 wherein the groups of Component (B) are amide or amino groups.